Your attention is called to the efficient work of the Department in handling the situation.

No city throughout the country has been as effectual in attaining such results as Baltimore, considering the unprecedented low overhead cost.

The Board should register its approval of those cases allowed and handled by Mr. Grasty with the hope that the financial condition of the city may improve so that the Mothers' Relief may reach a large number of deserving widows whose applications on file cannot be considered on account of shortage of funds".

Upon motion of Dr. Novak, seconded by Miss Donellan, Mrs. McCreary's recommendation was approved.

STATUS OF NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

Mr. Palmer reported that the Nurses' Home had been completed, accepted by the City, and had in turn been handed over to the custody of the Hospital Authorities.
He also reported that contracts had been awarded by the City for most of the furniture and equipment. The amount of the contracts awarded being approximately Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00). The work awarded included all of the wooden furniture; the beds; the mattresses, and all of the upholstered furniture except one chair on each of the nurses' rooms. He stated that he had been informed by the Chief Engineer's Office that the balance of the items included in the list of furniture and equipment, but for which contracts had not been awarded, would be purchased through the City Purchasing Department. He reported that he expected that furniture and equipment would be delivered on or about January 1st, next.
Mr. Palmer further presented to the Board the working drawings including structural and plumbing and heating drawings, for the General Hospital. He explained that these drawings were a development of the preliminary drawings for this building previously approved by the Supervisors, embodying such details of arrangement developed during the frequent conferences with the Committee in charge of the design of this building, composed of Dr. Walker, Gen. Longan, Dr. Boggs and Dr. Shipley. He stated that a draft of the specifications had been prepared and was being submitted along with the

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drawings to the appropriate City Authorities and Department for their examination, comment and approval.

Upon motion, duly carried, it was resolved that the design of the hospital as presented on the drawings and specifications submitted be approved, by the Supervisors, and that the President (Mr. Towers) be requested and authorized to sign the drawings at the appropriate time when the same are presented to him for this purpose, signifying the requisite approval of the Supervisors.

DR. WALKER REPORTS ON CONFERENCE WITH BOARD OF ESTIMATES AND THE MAYOR

Dr. Walker reported that he and Mr. Katz had succeeded in having the Board of Estimates transfer the accounts at the Baltimore City Hospitals to adjust several of the deficits, as requested by the Board at its last meeting. Dr. Walker further alluded to a conference with the Mayor in which was exacted a promise that he and every member of the Board would, in the cause of economy, do all in their power to keep within the appropriations during the coming year.

ADJOURN.

After discussing various matters pertaining to the work of the Department, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Nathaniel G. Grasty
Secretary

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